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Press Release – Vandalism Indian Hill Cemetery

On October 11, 2021 at approximately 10:33 hours the Middletown Police received a call from a passing motorist indicating that someone had spray painted the sign and brownstone wall of the Indian Hill Cemetery located at 383 Washington Street. On arrival, Officers found that someone had used pink spray paint to write "Land Back" with an anarchy symbol on the cemetery's sign. The same suspect(s) also painted expletives about Christopher Columbus on the brownstone wall beneath the sign.

Officers suspect the vandalism occurred during the overnight hours. This case is still under investigation and officers are checking the area for witnesses and/or video evidence of the crime.

The sign and wall have since been covered to prevent the profanities from being seen by the public and cemetery personnel are already working on a plan to begin cleanup efforts. They suspect the cost of cleanup to be "several hundred dollars".

Anyone with information on this criminal act should contact Officer Jason Tetrault at the Middletown Police Department (860-638-4000).

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Update: After this press release, it was determined that the suspects had also spray painted expletives about the police on another smaller segment of the brownstone wall that was not visible to the public. Investigation ongoing.